Illegal trafficking of wildlife products

2018. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increased instances of illegal trafficking of wildlife product in the country;

(b) if so, the details of cases reported during the last three years, State-wise with particular reference to Kerala;

(c) whether there is any proposal for establishing a Wildlife Crime Control Bureau;

(d) if so, whether Government consider to elevate the present Wildlife Inspectorate at Kochi to a Regional Office of the WCCB; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Instances of illegal trade and seizure of wildlife and its derivatives have been reported from time to time to the Central Government. However, there has been no increase in the instances of illegal trade in wildlife and its derivatives. During the years 2004, 2005 & 2006, 4 cases of ivory, 3 cases each of tiger & leopard products and 1 case of star tortoise have been reported from the State of Kerala. The information pertaining to wildlife offences are maintained at State level only. However, as per the information available, the number of cases in other States involving major species namely, Tiger, Leopard, Elephant, Rhino, Star tortoise, Bear, Musk deer and Otter are given in the enclosed statement *(See* below)

(c) The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, as amended in 2006, provides for establishment of Wildlife Crime Control Bureau.

(d) No, Sir. There is no proposal to elevate the existing Sub-Regional office at Kochi into a Regional Office.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

Details of important cases of illegal trafficking of wildlife and its products

Sl.No.	Name of State	Year		
		2003	2004	2005
1	Andhra Pradesh	2	-	11
2	Assam	1	2	4
3	Bihar	1	1	2
4	Chhattisgarh	-	2	5
5	Gujarat	2	-	-
6	Haryana	2	4	-
7	Himachal Pradesh	1	3	3
8	Jammu & Kashmir	1	-	-
9	Jharkhand	6	9	2
10	Karnataka	8	10	3
11	Maharashtra	15	14	-
12	Madhya Pradesh	11	11	9
13	Meghalaya	-	-	1
14	Manipur	-	-	1
15	Orissa	17	19	20
16	Punjab	-	-	10
17	Rajasthan	2	4	-
18	Sikkim	-	-	1
19	Tamil Nadu	24	14	1
20	Tripura	-	-	1
21	Uttarakhand	23	14	3
22	Uttar Pradesh	13	10	6
23	West Bengal	39	11	6
24	NCT of Delhi	13	8	21